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SUBJECT: CIVAIR: AIR CEYLON LEASE OF 720

REF: (A) COLOMBO 4478; (B) COLOMBO 4591

1. EMBASSY NOW UNDERSTANDS THAT PROPOSED LEASE OF BOEING
720 IS NOT FROM BRITISH CALEDONIAN AIRWAYS AS REPORTED
REFTEL (A) BUT FROM AN OBSCURE MIDDLE EASTERN AIRLINE CALLED
CALADONIAN AIRLINES. CALADONIAN HAS FOLLOWING BUSINESS
ADDRESS IN US: 195 MILES AVENUE, SYRACUSE, NY.

2. NEW AIR CEYLON CHAIRMAN PADDY MENDIS (REFTEL B) HAS
ASKED EMBASSY FOR INFORMATION ON CALADONIAN AIRLINES.
EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE ANY INFORMATION DEPARTMENT CAN
PROVIDE.

3. INCIDENTALLY, PERENNIAL US-BAITER N.M. PERERA
RECENTLY ALLEGED IN NATIONAL ASSEMBLY THAT PROPOSED
CALADONIAN 720 LEASE WOULD CONTAIN CLAUSE PERMITTING
DIVERSION FOR PURPOSE OF FERRYING US TROOPS TO DIEGO
GARCIA. NO ONE HAS BOTHERED TO DIGNIFY THIS ONE WITH
A REPLY.
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